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1. FOLLOWING GOG DECISION THAT PUBLIC STATEMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY UPON CONCLUSION OF FIRST ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS ON US-GREEK BILATERAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, TEXT SET FORTH PARAGRAPH TWO BELOW WAS AGREED UPON. GOG INTENDS TO RELEASE TEXT FEBRUARY 15 AT 1330 LOCAL.
USIS WILL HAVE TEXT AVAILABLE BUT WILL NOT MAKE SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES HELD INITIAL DISCUSSIONS IN ATHENS FEBRUARY 10-14 ON BILATERAL DEFENSE QUESTIONS, INCLUDING US FACILITIES IN GREECE. THE GREEK SIDE WAS LED BY AMBASSADOR PETROS CALOGERAS, AND INCLUDED EXPERTS FROM THE HELLENIC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE HELLENIC ARMED SERVICES. THE U.S. SIDE WAS LED BY MINISTER MONTEAGLE STEARNS OF THE U.S. EMBASSY AND INCLUDED EXPERTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE IN WASHINGTON. THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE. BOTH SIDES REVIEWED A BROAD RANGE OF GREEK-US DEFENSE ISSUES, INCLUDING BILATERAL DEFENSE AGREEMENTS, AND THE STATUS OF US FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL IN GREECE. DISCUSSIONS WERE FRANK AND INFORMATIVE, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT A FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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